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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, TW

SUBJECT: IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF MISLABELED POISONOUS CARGO
AT KEELUNG

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED INFORMATION
FROM AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE WHICH INDICATED THAT A SHIPMENT
OF A CONCEALED, HAZARDOUS CARGO IS ABOUT TO ARRIVE IN
TAIWAN. THE CARGO HAS BEEN SHIPPED BY TYRONE PACIFIC
INTERNATIONAL OF SAN FRANCISCO AND IS BOUND FOR KEELUNG,
TAIWAN (ETA ON OR ABOUT 7 SEPTEMBER 1978) ABOARD THE
VESSEL, KOREAN COMMANDER,(REPUBLIC OF KOREA FLAG, VOYAGE NO.
7)OPERATED BY ORIENT OVERSEAS LINES. (THE VESSEL DEPARTED
OAKLAND ABOUT AUGUST 21.)

2. ALLEGEDLY, THE CARGO IS DESCRIBED ON SHIPPING LABELS AND
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DOCUMENTS AS SODIUM CYANATE WHEN IN ACTUALITY IT IS REPORTED
TO BE SODIUM CYANIDE, A CLASS B POISON (IMCO CLASS 6).
ALLEGEDLY, THERE ARE NO EXTERIOR POISON LABELS IN PLACE.
CARGO REPORTEDLY SHIPPED WITHIN TWO CONTAINERS: ONE BOOKED
AS ITEM KE83 IN CONTAINER 00LU466544-4(SER SF372-290);
OTHER UNKNOWN.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY CONTACT APPROPRIATE
ROC AGENCY AND INFORM THEM OF DETAILS. COAST GUARD
IS CONCERNED THAT CARGO COULD BE MISHANDLED IN BELIEF IT IS
INNOCUOUS AND RESULT IN UNSAFE SITUATION.

4. IF EMBASSY IS MADE AWARE OF RESULTS OF ANY INFORMATION
BY ROC, PLEASE CABLE RESULTS TO DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION
OF COAST GUARD. CHRISTOPHER

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